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SUBJECT: MOPSS: ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES FOR
RETROFITTING OF AIRCRAFT AND VANS

REF: A. STATE 181494, B. STATE 173496, C. STATE 143260,
D. TELCON: PERRY/BERNAL 8/3/76

1 SUMMARY: STEERING CIEOTTRE REQUESTS WASHINGTON ACTION
ON PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION REQUIRED FOR RETROFITTING
VERTICAL CAMERA MOUNTS ON MOPSS EQUIPPED AG AERO COM-
MANDER, XC-BEL, BASED ON SUCCESSFUL RESULTS OF XC-GOZ
DURING RECENT SPECTRACL DATA CORP. (SDC) FIELD TESTS
IN CULIACAN. END SUMMARY.

2. SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF TESTS IN CULIACAN WITH
RETROFITTED VERTICAL CAMERA MOUNTS INSTALLED BY SDC
TECHNICIANS UNDER TERMS OF CONTRACT CITED IN REF C
SURFACED A SIMILAR PROCURMENT/INSTALLATION REQUIREMENT
FOR REMAINING MOPSS-FITTED SHIP IN AG INVENTORY.
MISSION UNDERSTANDS INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY WILL
REDOUND IN REPLACEMENT OF PRESENT CAMERAS WITH 70MM
CAMERAS, PLUS A 70MM ENLARGER TO BE ADDED TO THE
PHOTOGRAPHIC LABORATORY. ADDITIONALLY, THE SIGNIFI-
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FOR EACH ONE OF THE PRESENT UNITS. THE RETORFITTING FOR XC-BEL WILL, OF NECESSITY, BE PERFORMED IN MEXICO AND LIC. HENESTROSA, WHO IS NOW THE MOPSS COORDINATOR WAS CONSULTED. HENESTROSA STRONGLY APPROVES THE RETORFITTING AS HE FEELS BOTH UNITS SHOULD HAVE THE SAME CAPABILITY. FURTHER, HE REITERATED HIS POSITION PREVIOUSLY STATED DURING GERTZ/PERRY/MARISCAL/BERNAL MEETING THAT HE WILL PROVIDE SECOND UNIT TO USG CONTRACTED TEMA ON IMMEDIATE NOTICE IF REQUIRED. MISSION SURMISES, BASED ON RECENT DISCUSSIONS, HENESTROSA IS LOOKING FORWARD TO EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF MOPSS OUTPUT IF PERFORMED IN TIMELY MANNER. FYI: THE ONLY PERSISTENT QUESTION STEERING COMMITTEE HAS ADDRESSES THE CAPABILITY OF MOPSS TO DETECT VERY IMMATURE FIELDS WHICH DO NOT MEET THE AREA SURFACE COVERAGE REQUIREMENT. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE AG OFFICE, AN ERADICATION CAMPAIGN IS SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE PRIOR TO THE KNOWN CRITICAL PERIOD OF THE GROWING CYCLE. END FYI.

3;LYE REQUESTED ACTION: THAT WASHINGTON GROUP EXPEDITE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION THROUGH AMENDMENTS OF PREVIOUS CONTRACTS FOR THE PROCUREMENT/INSTALLATION OF DESIRED EQUIPMENT AND RELATED SERVICES.
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